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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action dated May 8, 1998, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group III, claims 17-34. Applicant further elects weir species WB, illustrated in Fig. 5B, and downcomer species DB, illustrated in Fig. 7B. Elected claims 17-22 and 30-34 are readable on weir species WB and claims 17-34 are readable on the elected downcomer species DB.

Further examination and allowance of the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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